

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 27

|             |                                                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:15am      | <b>Worship Service</b>   Nursery                     |
| 9:15am      | Bible Study - Meeting Room                           |
| 9:30am      | <b>Worship Service</b>   <b>Livestream</b>   Nursery |
| 9:30am      | Middle School Class - Gym                            |
| 9:30am      | High School Class - High School Room                 |
| 9:30am      | Kids Club - Kids Wing                                |
| 11:00am     | <b>Worship Service</b>   Nursery                     |
| 11:00am     | Kids Club - Kids Wing                                |
| 6:30-8:00pm | High School Youth Group - Gym- Door 6*               |

### MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 28

|         |                                         |
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| 10:00am | MiniCo - Nursery - Door 4*              |
| 10:30am | Prayer Ministry- Meeting Room - Door 4* |
| 6:30pm  | Finance Team Meeting - Door 4*          |

### TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 29

|                |                                           |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 10:00am-2:00pm | Food Pantry Open                          |
| 5:30-7:00pm    | Food Pantry Open                          |
| 6:00-7:30pm    | Middle School Youth Group - Gym - Door 6* |
| 6:00-7:30pm    | Men's Ministry Bible Study - Door 4*      |

### WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 30

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 10:00-11:30am | Senior Bible Study - Door 4*    |
| 7:00-8:30pm   | Worship Team Practice - Door 4* |

### THURSDAY • OCTOBER 1

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| 6:00-8:30pm | MomCo - C1 - Door 3* |
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### FRIDAY • OCTOBER 2

### SATURDAY • OCTOBER 3

### SUNDAY • OCTOBER 4

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\*Door numbers refer to the large white numbers on the building's exterior, above each outside door.



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#### Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

#### Sunday Services:

8:15am • 9:30am • 11:00am  
Online: 9:30am (FB & YouTube)

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Ever tried to read the Bible but found it to be very confusing? What if you could put all of the people, places, and themes together in a way that caused you to understand and love Scripture even more? Join us in this fall season as we focus on "The BIG Story" of the Bible—creation, fall, redemption, restoration—and how to find your place in it.

MESSAGE: KINGS: THE RULE OF GOD

September 27, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 8:1-9; 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Pew Bible Page: 234, 259-260

# Welcome to Redeemer!

#### CHECK IN

Whether you're new, here all the time, or online, be sure to sign in on a connection card, on the Redeemer app, online, or use the QR code! You can also share prayer requests, ask questions, & more.



Congratulations to the Robinson family on the baptism of their son, Griffin.



### MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

#### Come join us!

The Men's Ministry is sponsoring an eight-week series on Hebrews. Derwin Grey will discuss Hebrews, and how this book very much fits our lives today.

**Begins September 29 • 6:00-7:30pm**

The series will be facilitated by Jeff Smithwick.

Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



### BIBLE SUNDAY

We will be presenting Bibles to our students in 1st, 3rd, and 6th grades during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Students at either service will start in their classroom and will be brought into worship at the right time.

Parents are encouraged to accompany 1st and 3rd graders on stage.



### KIDS PROGRAMS

Kids Programs available at the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

**Beginnings Nursery**—infant thru 3 years old  
(Fully staffed during all services • 8:15 • 9:30 • 11:00)

**Explorers**—Preschool thru Kindergarten  
(children must be potty-trained)

**Kingdom Quest**—Grades 1-3

**Bridge**—Grades 4-5

**Your kids won't want to miss this exciting program!**



### BAPTISM SUNDAY

Are you interested in baptism?

**Sunday, October 18** is especially designed for those who are elementary age students, teenagers, or adults who would like to be baptized.

Baptism opportunities will be available at all three services 8:15 • 9:30 • 11:00.

Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



### STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle School and High School classes available on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 service.

MS - Gym • HS- High School Room

**MS Youth Group**—Tuesday evenings  
6:00-7:30pm

**HS Youth Group**—Sunday evenings  
6:30-8:00pm

Students are encouraged to participate!



### FRIGHT NIGHT IS COMING!

Get ready for a night of fun, fellowship, and just the right amount of fright!

This year, we're taking things outside and moving from the church to an outdoor venue for a night featuring a haunted hayride, bonfire, and spooky snacks.

**October 11 • 6:00-8:00pm**

**Registration is required.**

Location and address will be sent to everyone who registers prior to the event.



### SIMPLY AMAZING!

Since the Redeemer Food Pantry opened in 2006, we have served **83,396** individuals enough food for a total of **1,751,316** meals! We continue to see new families every week and 42% are children under the age of 18.

To see the graphs and more information, check out the #BeTheChurch Facebook page.

### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

This coming Thursday, Oct 1 volunteers will deliver dinner to the Ronald McDonald House families.

Please join us in praying for the kids in the hospital and their families!!

### SERVING AT LANSING SHELTER |Sign Up

Men's Shelter on Kalamazoo St: Oct 15 • Nov 13  
Women's Shelter on South Cedar: Oct 9 • Nov 19  
Come lend a hand and make a difference, [sign up](#) under #BeTheChurch to join us!

### #BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

Find sign-ups & learn more online under Outreach or on the Redeemer mobile app under [Sign Ups](#).

**Oct 1**— Deliver dinner to Ronald McDonald House

**Oct 9**— Serve dinner at the Women's Shelter

**Oct 11**— Handout items at Homeless Event

**Oct 14**— Helping Hands Group

**Oct 15**— Food Pantry AM food delivery

**Oct 15**— Serve dinner at the Men's Shelter

**Oct 18**— Advent House lunches

**Oct 22**— Evening #BTC event

Follow Redeemer Outreach on [Facebook](#) to see all the ways your donations and volunteer efforts are sharing the love of Jesus and supporting those facing tough times.



*"As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel... But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice. Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. 'Look,' they told him, 'you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have. 'Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance.'" V.9: 'Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them.'"*

I Samuel 8:1, 3-6, 9

## MY NOTES:

### GETTING STARTED

When have you wanted something "just like" what someone else had? What happened?

### REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What reasons does Israel give in their request for a king? (v.4-5, 19-20)
2. Is rejecting Samuel the same as rejecting God (v.7)? Why? What pattern does this represent (v.8)?
3. If you had heard the warning of vs. 11-18, would you have acted as the Israelites did? Why or why not? Why were they willing to ignore the warning about a king?
4. When have you wanted something that really wasn't good for you? What did you do?
5. What is the "king" who sometimes rules your life? (my work, my family, my schedule, my fears, my ambitions, sports, worry about what others think, etc.)
6. What are some ways that you intentionally "swim against the current" of our culture to live out your Christian faith?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Lord God, thank you for your guidance of the people of God throughout Scripture. Help us to look to you to be the leader of our lives. Give us the strength and courage to stand up against the cultural current, for your honor and glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read 2 Samuel 7:1-29. In what way is David's house and kingdom "established forever?" Do you tend to favor God by working for him or savor God by worshipping him? Why is that? What would you like to adopt from David's example and prayer here?